

LEAR, J. L. J., B. 1845. J.L.J. Lear diary, 1864

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Lear, J. L. J., b. 1845.
Title: J.L.J. Lear diary, 1864
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 352
Extent: 1 microfilm reel (MF)
Abstract: Microfilm copy of the diary of J.L.J. Lear, Confederate soldier, who served with Company L, 1st Regiment Tennessee Artillery during the Civil War.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Loaned for microfilming, 1960.

Citation

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

J.L.J. Lear, Confederate soldier, was born July 12, 1845, and served with Company L, 1st Tennessee Artillery Regiment during the Civil War.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of a typescript of the diary of J.L.J. Lear with entries between February 12 and December 4, 1864. During the first period of his diary Lear is stationed at Fort Morgan, Mobile, Alabama. He tells of blockade vessels coming and going and the entry for August 5, 1864 gives a vivid description of Admiral Farragut's attack on Mobile Bay. When Fort Morgan surrendered, he and his comrades were taken as prisoners by boat to New Orleans, and then later to Governors Island, New York. The final entry states that he and the other Confederate prisoners were sent to Elmira, New York. Lear writes of short rations, mistreatment of Confederate prisoners, his reactions to the election of Lincoln and to news from the various battle fronts.

